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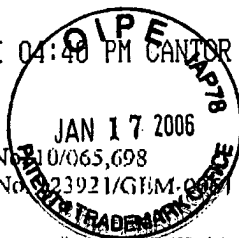
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Provided herewith are comments on the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for
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The Examiner remarks that Claims 1, 3-10, 25 and 26 are allowed for reasons set forth in Paper No./Mail Date 09272005, page 2.

While Applicant agrees that presented claims pertain to allowable subject matter, Applicant respectfully submits that to the extent that the Examiner's remarks suggest or state that certain limitations or combinations not found in the prior art of record are or may be present in each and every allowable claim, whether or not specific language to that effect is found in every allowable claim, the record as a whole must be considered in addition to the Examiner's remarks, and, to the extent that the record as a whole is clear and complete, it shall control the interpretation of any and all allowable claims.

More specifically, allowed independent Claims 1 and 25 do not recite a sphygmomanometer system (see Examiner's remarks on page 2 of Paper 09272005), which may, for example, be interpreted to necessarily include the use of a stethoscope. Accordingly, these claims, and claims dependent from these claims that do not recite the same, are not so limited.

Respectfully submitted,

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